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MAIL FRAUD CONVICT SENTENCED FOR REFUSING TO PAY INCOME TAXES

Fairbanks, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, July 17, 2008, that Donald Louis Hymes, a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Fairbanks to 5 months in prison for violating conditions of supervised release, by failing and refusing to file individual income tax returns and pay incomes taxes for numerous past years.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Hymes, age 73.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Cooper, Hymes violated the conditions of supervised release after having served a sentence of imprisonment for his 2003 conviction in federal court on 45 counts, which included 12 counts of mail fraud; 12 counts of receiving mail under false name; 13 counts of conversion of money of the United States; 7 counts of money laundering; and one count of criminal contempt of court. For those offenses Hymes was sentenced to 28 months in prison, restitution of \$78,005 of stolen federal funds, a \$6,000 fine, an assessment of \$3,450, and was ordered to pay in full his outstanding tax liability including penalty and interest. After his release from prison, Hymes violated his conditions of supervised release by failing and refusing to file his income tax returns for numerous past years and by refusing to make any efforts to pay the taxes due for those years. The past due taxes amount to \$234,320.79, plus interest.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline stated that Donald Hymes despised his United States citizenship, and had stolen from the federal treasury for a long period of time, in addition to refusing, for many years, to file any tax returns and pay income taxes. Judge Beistline added that this resulted in other taxpayers having to shoulder the tax burden for Hymes—that Hymes blamed everyone but himself for his unlawful conduct—and that he could not be rehabilitated and must be imprisoned.

Mr. Cohen commended the Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigations for its handling of the investigation of this matter.

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